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The Honorable Christine Gregoire Governor of Washington P.O. Box 40002 Olympia, WA 98504-0002

The Honorable Theodore R. Kulongoski Governor of Oregon 160 State Capitol 900 Court Street NE Salem, OR 97301-4047

The Honorable Arnold A. Schwarzenegger Governor of California State Capitol Building Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: West Coast Governors' Agreement on Ocean Health, Action Plan

Dear Governors Gregoire, Kulongoski and Schwarzenegger:

Coastside Fishing Club, a California all volunteer non-profit association of more than 13,000 recreational anglers, supports the principle of a West Coast Governor's Agreement for Ocean Health. In particular, we support the promotion of effective implementation of ecosystem-based management. We encourage you to protect the ocean food web--and most especially the forage species that play a critical ecological role in the California Current Large Marine Ecosystem as prey for a diversity of marine life including whales, dolphins, seals, seabirds and fishes. This can be accomplished by adopting a shared policy for the protection of the marine food web that protects forage species from new fisheries. Further, encouraging a policy that accounts for ecosystem needs and uses precautionary management for existing fisheries will greatly enhance and protect our marine life that depends upon this key food source.

Respectfully,

Orig. /s/ D L Wolford

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